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Ed Murrow Room Is For Real



Henry Gellermann's dream of a room of our own at the Chemists' Club, to be known as the Edward R. Murrow Room in tribute to one of our most distinguished members, first mentioned in the *Bulletin* last March, approaches reality. A luncheon meeting at the club Jan. 20 discussed what the room will contain - pictures, photographs, manuscripts and other memorabilia - as a memorial to Ed. Attending were Janet Murrow, Ed's widow, and

Hewson A. Ryan, Edward R. Murrow Professor of Public Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Diplomacy, Tufts University, who will together gather the material and plan its display. Both are OPC members. The room, on the mezzanine floor, already bears a plaque identifying it as "The Edward R. Murrow Room." Pictured in front of it are Janet Murrow, Henry Gellermann and Hew Ryan.

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, March 1 - Ted Kheel discusses why PM papers are dying. Noon luncheon at the club.

Thursday, March 4 - Seven top photographers show their Polaroid pix in color and b&w in club's lobby gallery. Polaroid hosts reception 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11 - Italian wine tasting at Italian Trade Center, 499 Park (59 St.), 5-6:30 p.m. Restricted to first 100 reservations, member and one guest only.

Reservations with Mary Novick, (212) 679-9650

7 Photogs Show Us Their Polaroids

Polaroid photographs, black and white and in color, by seven major photographers will be seen in the club's lobby gallery beginning Thursday, March 4. The exhibit, titled "Their Own People," shows work by Mary Ellen Mark, Art Rogers, Dan Dudnick, Bill Burke, Bow Hower, Bill Allard and Sebastiano Salgado. Polaroid will host a reception for OPCers and the press from 6 to 7:30 p.m. opening night. Herb Silverman and Barrett Gallagher organized the exhibit.

Ted Kheel to Talk On Saving The News (And Maybe Others)

(As the *Bulletin* went to press, Ted Kheel had become actively involved in trying to save New York's financially beleaguered Daily News, working with the paper's unions to set up a trust in which its 3900 employees could hold shares and which would enable the paper to continue under present ownership and management.)

By Charles Schreiber

Another death in the afternoon.

Following the demise of the *Washington Star* and *New York Daily News*' *Tonight* edition comes January's obit for Philadelphia's venerable *Bulletin*. Are afternoon newspapers doomed? Are all newspapers doomed, as cable TV's Ted Turner suggests? Or is this merely another tombstone in journalism's cemetery — a victim of bad management?

Obituaries for *The Bulletin* identify three major villains: reliance on television as the sole source of news, the growing importance of the suburban press, and oppressive labor contracts.

An evaluation of the facts will be the subject of a special OPC luncheon gathering with lawyer, labor arbitrator and mediator Theodore W. Kheel.

A graduate of Cornell, where he received his AB in 1935 and LLB two years later, Kheel is a partner in the New York law firm of Battle, Fowler, Jaffin, Pierce & Kheel. He is author of five books including "Kheel on Labor Law," and is a headline maker in many labor disputes.

N.S. (Buddy) Hayden, president and publisher of *The Bulletin*, told the staff at the city room closure meeting, "I really don't know what to say. It was nothing you did or didn't do."

As a former *Bulletin* contributor, I'd like a second opinion.

EAT, DRINK WITH US AT OPC!

GI Journalists Are Forever



— Photo by Larry Morris, courtesy of *New York Times*

Comes April, and the GI's *Stars and Stripes* will celebrate 40 years of continuous and uninterrupted publication around the world. But **Jack Raymond** and some of his buddies couldn't wait that long. So on the night of January 15 at New York's 7th Regiment Armory some 125 former *Stars and Stripes* and *Yank* reporters, writers and editors met to drink, reminisce, brag, feed and find out what their former buddies are doing now.

Pictured here left to right are some of those who spoke: Merle Miller, author; Ralph Martin, author; Andy Rooney, author and TV columnist; Charles Kiley, editor; and **Jack Raymond**, former OPC president.

Other OPCers in attendance: **Fred Rosen, Stan Swinton, Ed Cunningham, Hugh Conway, Victor Lasky, Irvin Taubkin and Sid Schapiro**, supervising editor at *Stars and Stripes* New York Bureau.

Italy Invites You To Taste Its Wines

OPC members and guests will foregather under the red, white and green banner of Italy at the famous Enoteca of the new Italian Trade Center at 499 Park Avenue (59th Street), 5th floor, on Thursday, March 11, 5 - 6:30 P.M. The fine wines of Italy will be poured for you under the guidance of oenologist-member, **Robert Jay Misch**.

Do you realize that, these days, of every 100 bottles of imported wine poured in the USA, 63 are Italian? Get to know some of them this easy, pleasant way, with accompanying Italian tid-bits. Misch will say a few words. Italian Trade Commissioner Lucio Caputo will be your host.

A member may bring one guest only. Attendance limited to the first 100 reservations; no one admitted without a reservation. Call (212) 679-9650.

Lou Azrael, Baltimore Reporter, Columnist

Louis Azrael, a longtime member of the club who had been a newspaper reporter and columnist in Baltimore for 60 years, died there Dec. 21. He had begun his career at 16 as a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun*. He ended it — after being an editor, editorial writer and columnist for other Baltimore papers — as a columnist for the *News American*.

Mr. Azrael was a war correspondent during World War 2, landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He received the Medal of Freedom for his war coverage from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. A member of the Maryland bar, he had at one time headed the journalism department of the University of Baltimore.

He is survived by his wife, the former Sara Lamport, who had served with the OWI in London and Paris and had been a reporter for the Paris edition of the *New York Herald Tribune*, and a daughter.

Letters

TEL AVIV — The Foreign Press Association authorized its president, Art Kent, NBC head, to protest to the Minister of Defense, General Sharon, about the verbal and physical abuse press people received when television crew was filming in the West Bank. The crews had operated with discretion so as not to incite the locals.

Another TV crew was assaulted and its equipment damaged when it attempted to photograph the local Shuk Hacarmel. The shuk is a mile-long open market in the heart of Tel Aviv. It is a crowded, colorful bazaar of food and clothing. At one time its merchants were the poorest of Oriental Israelites. Now they are the elite of entrepreneurs — selling for cash, no inventories, no overhead, no rent, no advertising, no promotion, no accountants. They just drop their receipts in enormous tin cans.

So when Jay Bushinsky, of CNN, came in with his camera crew, they thought that they were from the government to photograph evidence of their business. Instantly, about fifty of them, armed with brooms, prevented any filming, including their attack. In addition to Jay, Michael Manor, Andre Brauns and Michael Braunstein were shoved out.

The shortest route from Florida to Atlanta is via Tel Aviv. Dan Hackel, a Florida newspaperman, came to Israel two years ago and became a news broadcaster on the Hebrew language state radio. He has just moved to Atlanta to be anchorman on Ted Turner's Cable News Network.

— **Max Gendel**

NEW YORK — Keyes Beech, who won a Pulitzer prize for Korean War reporting, explained why he is retiring to the United States (for the second time) after 35 years in Asia as a foreign correspondent.

"The last time I was in Borneo," Beech said, "the longhouses had Toyota ads plastered on them and the once-respectable headhunters were performing for tourists. I knew it was time to go home."

Beech roamed all Asia for the *Chicago Daily News* and later *The L.A. Times*. His last post was Bangkok.

Alexi Wedderburn, steward of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Hong Kong, has joined the sales department of Barclay Hotel in New York.

Alexi, who was born in Shanghai, and her husband, Jack Lester, moved to the Big Apple from Sydney, Australia, last year. Jack's with Morgan Stanley investment bankers.

— **Al Kaff**

Why Israel Attacked Our Ship

By George Weller

"Assault On The Liberty," by Ensign James M. Ennes USN (ret). Random House \$13.95.

Begin's technique of sending Israeli war planes outside her legal space was not originated with raids into Lebanon and Iraq.

As far as the US is concerned, Israel struck on June 8, 1967, fourth day of the Six Day War. In clear weather of midday, with American soldiers suntanning on the decks, navy and air force directed by Gen. Moshe Dayan, minister of defense, having just knocked Nasser out of the war, attacked the US intelligence ship *Liberty*. Eleven thousand tons of acute radio listening gear were loafing along at Washington's orders in international waters 13.6 miles off the Egyptian, not the Israeli coast. Then came the impossible blow.

The attack occurred under political conditions that uncannily resemble those today. Israel had subtracted Egypt from the Arab alliance, first by bombs, then by Camp David. Dayan's next target was Syria, as it is Begin's today.

Syria, advised by Russia, had stubbornly refused to enter the war and help the fallen, bleeding Nasser. Israel's problem was to bring Syria in also, shatter her by a secondary attack, and then pretend that isolated Syria had attacked first. Then the Golan Heights could be taken, placing Israel's artillery in range of Syria's capital, Damascus.

But how to prevent the *Liberty's* far-ranging antennae from registering the battle commands of the Israel tanks as they launched their attacks on Syria's defended heights? The only way to plug the ears of the Americans was to knock out the *Liberty*. So Dayan did it.

And he did it, according to this book — heavily footnoted and supported by the official Naval Institute — without his or any of the Israeli commands being subjected to court martial or civil investigation. History's finger has not touched Dayan.

This is the fullest account of how 34 American sailors of a crew of 315 died and over 100 were wounded. Ennes is a trained cryptologist, very precise. He was doubling at the wheel and was gravely wounded, like the skipper, Commander William McGonagle. How degraded US official accounts have been may be measured by the fact that President Johnson's memoirs, "The Vantage Point" (1971), declared that "ten

men were killed." He called the helpless old freighter a "communications ship" and suppressed the fact that a US submarine photographed the attack after planes bombed and put the *Liberty* afire and a PT boat torpedoed her. (And that the submarine stayed submerged.)

Wearing naval paint and huge numbers, her name large on the stern, flying a 5x8 ft ensign, *Liberty* was actually a lame and tardy effort to overtake the long lead of the Soviets in snooping, antennae-studded "fishing trawlers." Israel's attack, together with the similar attack by the North Koreans on the *Pueblo* and capture of its crew, completed the retreat of America's Navy from this bold, successful Soviet technique.

Attack "without warning?" Far from it. On May 26 Israel's foreign minister, Abba Eban, gave Johnson an explicit warning that Israel was planning an offensive. Johnson ordered the *Liberty* to come up from the African coast to a front seat.

Publication of the *Liberty's* story is timely because of public pledges by Israel that they will attack the AWAC radar warning planes bought by Saudi Arabia and manned by American crews. The question is: will Reagan obey rules of surveillance determined by Israel in air and sea?

And the Sixth Fleet? Well, the *Liberty*, attacked at 2 p.m. in sunny weather, with two-thirds of her men dead or wounded, was first given succor by a Soviet destroyer at dawn the next day. Just before noon, Israel invaded Syria.

The bungle was largely the work of the almighty Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, which had taken responsibility away from the Sixth Fleet. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara called off not one but two air strikes that were ordered to fly from carriers to help the *Liberty*. The reason for his second wipeoff was "Israel admitted the error."

When an official investigation began, tightly tethered to Malta as protection against news leaks, this gallant ship produced its first authentic hero of intelligence, a wise-cracking Jewish chief engineer, Lt. George H. Golden. When his captain collapsed, and his number two was killed, Golden took command.

The world would never have got an inkling of what went on had Golden not ignored the blackout imposed by George J. Feldman, the American ambassador in Malta, and spilled the story to Colin Frost of the AP, a Briton . . . anonymously. Say a prayer for British integrity.

PLACEMENT

Able journalist stationed in Madrid, thoroughly informed in Spanish and Latin American affairs, wants to become a stringer for American magazines and periodicals, to cover for politics, economics and "the new Spain entering NATO and the ECM." Please send replies to **Alvaro Pineda**, Pez Volador 3, 9-A, Madrid 30, Spain. Phone 273-6944.

Overseas reporter **Shirley Kendrick Barker** has relocated from Fiji to Brisbane, Australia, and is available for assignments. Reach her at GPO Box 73, Brisbane, Queensland 4001, Australia; tel. 2211124. She was the VOA correspondent in Fiji.

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Who, What, Where

By Rosalind Massow

BIG PROMOTION . . . Board member **George A. Krinsky**, A.P.'s man in Moscow, Nicosia and Beirut, before his current assignment on the foreign news desk in New York, has been named chief editor of *World Services News*. He succeeds Webb McKinley who retired after holding that job since 1965. Krinsky has been the department's deputy news editor since 1979.

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PUBLISHING AND THE LAW . . . **Kenneth S. Giniger** will once again moderate NYU's nine-session seminar on Books and the Law at the university's Midtown Center, 11 W. 42nd St. Some of the most prestigious lawyers in the publishing field have been invited to lecture. The first session starts Feb. 17.

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FOR GENTLEMEN FARMERS . . . **Jaime Isaac Reibel** just signed a contract with Arco Publishing to do "The Small Farmer's Complete Veterinary Handbook." Reibel isn't planning to compete with Yorkshire's famed vet Dr. James Herriot, his book is designed for weekend farmers whose principal knowledge of bulls and bears is limited to *THE* Stock Exchange.

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REUNION IN LONDON . . . The **Macauleys**, Doris and **Thurston**, jetted half way around the world from their sunny base in Okinawa to snowy London to spend the holidays with their son **Theodore**, also an OPCer. They report the Tara Hotel in Kensington charges earth-bound prices.

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PROFILED BY TIME . . . Consumer advocate **David C. Horowitz**, who started his journalism career as a foreign correspondent, has made such a success out of lampooning TV commercials on his own syndicated TV show, that *Time* Magazine gave him the feature treatment last month. Horowitz spends air time proving product claims to the amusement of audiences and the embarrassment of advertisers. His show, "Fight Back," is now carried by 36 stations. Fellow OPCer **Ben Greenwald** feels a sense of pride about Horowitz. He taught him how to be a newspaper man when Horowitz was a student at The New York School of Printing in 1955.

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FAMILY SPOKESMAN . . . **Wad (Howard Warren) Allen**, a life-long friend of Hoagy Carmichael, was spokesman for family and friends of the late composer at a memorial service held in Bloomington, Ind., last month. Carmichael wrote more than 1000 songs, including everyone's favorites, "Star Dust," "Georgia" and "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening."

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FINANCIAL MOVE . . . William E. Zimmerman, managing editor of *The American Banker*, and **David Otto Tyson**, associate editor, have a new view of New York. Their publication moved its offices from the heart of New York — 42nd St., to the heart of the financial district — One State Street Plaza. The banking daily shares its new quarters with its affiliate, *The Bond Buyer*.

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BATTLE OF THE BUG . . . Long-time member **Dale Remington**, owner of Kaleidoscope Satellite Cable television program, is spending his days in bed finalizing the details of his company's going public while doctors at Lenox Hill Hospital kill off a peripatetic bug he picked up on his travels. His new company, incidentally, is called Remington Satellite Systems.

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The February 1982 issue of *Asian Business*, published in Hong Kong, introduces a new feature which will appear in the magazine every month, a "Letter from America" by **Henry Gellermann**. The same issue contains an article on Asian travelers in the U.S. by **Warren Goodman**.

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Two things have happened to **Mort Rosenblum** since last he appeared in the *Bulletin*. One, he has switched from being editor of the *International Herald Tribune*, in Paris, to being special correspondent for the AP. And two, he has let his moustache grow longer, reaching down the sides of his chin. When he was last in our columns, Mort told about the HT's new Hong Kong edition for the Far East. Now, returning to the AP, he will cover international news from his Paris base. He is only the 14th APer designated as "special correspondent." He is "ecstatic," he tells **Henry Gellermann**, about the new job.

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Thirty years it is, by his own confession, that **Hugh Mulligan**, one of our own and even a member of our board, has been a reporter — "the most respected title in our profession" — with the AP.

He has been everywhere and seen everything, he recounts in his "Mulligan's Stew" column, and from it all he has learned certain verities. Like "always getting behind someone with a beard, a sitar or love beads on a Customs line. Invariably you are waved on while the person so arrayed is given a close going over."

And that "bankers and priests and itinerant businessmen are great sources of information. Bartenders and taxi drivers are greatly overrated. Teachers seldom know anything beyond the confines of the school yard or the faculty lounge, and politicians rarely tell you anything of true value. Doctors are cautious and evasive, while nurses are wonderfully talkative . . . a diplomat will lie to you more often than a police officer or a military source."

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